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SUBJECT: NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA SABOTAGE ATTEMPT SUMMARY

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCUSNAVEUR INFO COMNAVTELCOM, NAVCOMMSTA
NEA MAKRI GREECE, AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA AND AMCONSUL ASMARA FROM
NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA 17 JAN 76 H/W REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA SABOTAGE ATTEMPT SUMMARY

A. NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA 151706Z JAN 76

B. NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA 151920Z JAN 76

C. NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA 160700Z JAN 76

1. ALL EVIDENCE NOW INDICATES THAT THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
SABOTAGE ATTEMPT WAS A PA&E LN EMPLOYEE, IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: TEWOLDE TERREKE

ADDRESS: TIRA VOLLO ZONE STRADA 707 NUMBER 23

INFO: 24 YEARS OLD, SINGLE, BORN ASMARA. HAD WORKED FOR PA&E

AS ENGINEMAN SINCE 20 JUN 74. RUMORED TO HAVE WORKED

AS HOUSEBOY FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON KAGNEW STATION PRIOR TO

HIRE AT PA&E. MAN PRESENTLY REMAINS MISSING.

2. GOVERNOR UNIT OF ONE ENGINE ALSO HAD SAND ADDED TO OIL. THIS
UNIT WAS REPAIRED WITH ONBOARD SPARES ON 16 JAN AND IS PRESENTLY ON
LINE SUPPLYING POWER WHILE ALTERNATE UNIT IS BEING THOROUGHLY
CHECKED.

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3. OIC NCU ASMARA MET WITH COL TELAHUN AT 1100 LOCAL TO DISCUSS

EVENTS OUTLINED IN ABOVE REFS. DURING THE MEETING VARIOUS WAYS TO IMPROVE SECURITY WERE DISCUSSED. I INFORMED THE COL WE APPRECIATED THE PROMPT ACTION OF 2ND DIV PERSONNEL ON EVE OF 15 JAN AND THAT OIC/CISCO/PA&E WOULD BE MEETING AT 1300 LOCAL TO DISCUSS SECURITY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES. THE COL SEEMED PLEASED AND DID SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING MEASURES BE CONSIDERED.

A. PLACEMENT ONE AMERICAN OR AMHARIC WORKER WITH EACH SHIFT IN THE POWER PLANT.

B. COMPLETE BODY SEARCH OF ANYONE ENTERING POWER PLANT IN ADDITION TO THE SEARCH THEY RECEIVE AT GATE.

A 1600 MEETING WAS AGREED UPON TO DISCUSS FINAL IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN.

4. OIC/CISCO/PA&E MET AT 1300 AND AGREED UPON PLACING THE FOLLOWING MEASURES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

A. REVOKE ALL LN PRIVATE VEHICLE PASSES AND REQUIRE ALL SUCH VEHICLES BE PARKED OUTSIDE OF MAIN GATE.

B. BASE BUS WILL DISCHARGE AND PICK UP ALL PASSENGERS OUTSIDE MAI GATE.

C. ALL OFFICIAL VEHICLES DRIVEN BY LN PERSONNEL WILL BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED BY VEHICLE PASSES AND THOROUGHLY SEARCHED UPON ENTERING OR EXITING THE TRACT.

D. HIRE A WOMAN SECURITY GUARD TO SEARCH LOCAL FEMALE WORKERS AND GUESTS PRIOR TO ENTERING TRACT.

E. ALL PERSONNEL WILL BE SUBJECT TO RIGID SEARCH UPON ENTERING OR DEPARTING TRACT.

5. HIRING OF EXTRA PERSONNEL FOR POWER PLANT(AS SUGGESTED BY COL TELAHUN) WAS DISCUSSED BUT NO FIRM DECISION COULD BE REACHED DUE TO CONTRACT LIMITATIONS. IT WAS AGREED THAT OPENINGS DO EXIST AND IF FULLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED BY 2ND DIV DO APPLY THEY MAY VERY WELL BE HIRED.

6. AT 1600 MEETING WITH COL TELAHUN THE ABOVE MEASURES WERE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL. HE WAS QUITE PLEASED AND AGREED FULLY. IN ADDITION HE WILL SUPPLY 2 GATE GGYQRKHNUGIX X POWER HOUSE GUARDS TO ASSIST AND TO ENSURE PROPER SEARCHES ARE CONDUCTED. HE ALYKKL TDYWD THAT ALL THE TRACT LN GUARDS AND CONSULATE GUARDS BE FIRED AND OUTSIDE GUARDS BE BROUGHT IN. I EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR OUR TRACTS AT THIS TIME AND THAT I WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS CONSULATE PROCEDURES. DURING ALL MEETINGS TODAY COL TELAHUN APPEARED TO BE CONCERNED, FRIENDLY, AND MOST COOPERATIVE.

7. LAST NIGHT ATTEMPT APPEARS TO BE ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL THROUGHOUT
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THE CITY OF ASMARA. REPORTS OF AN ATTEMPT ON THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER SEEM TO BE FOUNDED; A REPORT OF SOME 250 CATTLE BEING STOLEN AND AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT SOME MAJOR DAMAGE MAY HAVE OCCURED AT THE AIRPORT ARE NOT YET SUPPORTED BY ANY EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THEM.

8. COMMANDO POL

NE GUARDING TRACT BRAVO HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH

THE RESERVE FORCES WHO WERE RECENTLY BROUGHT TO ASMTJA ON 15 JAN 76.

NO EVALUATION CONCERNING THEIR CAPABILITY CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

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